

Kaufman Small House
2 miles southeast of Oley on a road east of
State Route 662
Oley Vicinity
Berks County
Pennsylvania

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KAUFMAN SMALL HOUSE

Location: 2 miles southeast of Oley on a road east of State Route 662, Oley Vicinity, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Present Owner: David Kaufman, 108 North Fifth Street, Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

Present Use: Not used.

Brief Statement of Significance: This is an example of an early, simple Pennsylvania-German farmhouse, and part of a well-preserved group of farm buildings.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The small house on the Kaufman farm was probably built by the first member of the family in the area, David Kaufman, between the time he settled in the Oley valley in 1727 and his death in 1762.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The small Kaufman house is a two-story, stone house with a central chimney and the block-like proportions of the medieval German house type. The house is in good condition.

The house has stone walls and foundations, and a large stone chimney which emerges from the ridge of the roof just off the center.

There is one door on the west end of the south front which opens into the kitchen. This six-panel door is set into a very simple frame. On the south side are three windows on the ground floor and four on the second floor. These windows are also set in very simple frames and are small, six over six light, double-hung sash.

The roof is a steep gable covered with shingles.

The first floor is divided into two rooms by the large central chimney. The second floor is likewise divided by the chimney. The interior walls are plaster, and the ceilings exposed beams and floor boards.

The small house faces south and is connected to the spring house in front of it by a stone-walled trout pond.

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